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—SUCH INSTRUCTIONS. FOR LARGER SPACE AND PER-  
MANENT RATES, APPLY AS ABOVE.

## Grasping at a Shadow.

The times are hard. Labor is unem-  
ployed. Manufacturers are unable to run  
their mills at a profit. Many kinds of  
business are flat. The long-hoped-for re-  
vival has not come. True, there are some  
indications of improvement. The volume  
of exchanges at New York were some-  
what greater in August of the present  
year than in August, 1884. A gain of one  
per cent in values of products sold prob-  
ably indicates still greater gains in quan-  
tities. Improvement is thus seen to be  
small. Crops are fair, with the single  
exception of wheat; yet profits are light.  
The great mass of business men feel the  
dullness and stagnation of trade.

Such a time is favorable for the disse-  
mination of new ideas. The "Greenback"  
heresy received its strongest backing  
during the dull years following the panic  
of '73; while tariff tinkering goes on un-  
ceasingly, but with accelerated force in  
times of financial depression.

Just now there is a cry for a decreased  
cost of production. Edward Atkinson,  
the accomplished statistician, poured out  
recently at the meeting of the American  
Science Association at Ann Harbor, a  
mass of figures designed to prove that  
while the workmen consume now but an  
average of 42 cents per day, it is pos-  
sible to reduce the cost of living to a still  
lower point.

Other free-trade advocates argue with  
much plausibility that cheaper raw ma-  
terial is the cure-all for our financial dis-  
tresses. Our manufacturers, they say, are  
over weighted with dear raw materials.  
Open the flood-gates. Let them come in  
free of duty and we can compete with the  
world.

One word, gentlemen. Many years  
ago a wise man named Esop, not a col-  
lege-bred man but a slave, with few ad-  
vantages, propounded a fable. A dog  
stood by the river's bank with a piece of  
meat in his mouth. In the water he saw  
the shadow of a larger piece. Over-  
tempted he endeavored to grasp this new  
bit of food, but too late found that he had  
exchanged the reality for a shadow.  
Such may easily be our fate. Protection  
has its disadvantages. While securing  
for manufacturers the home markets, it  
makes more difficult the acquisition of  
the more distant trade. This to many  
may seem a tempting morsel, and so it is,  
could it be had for the asking. But when  
it must be secured, if at all, by surren-  
dering the home market to foreign com-  
petition with the advantages of low-priced  
labor, cheap capital and long-established  
industries, the experiment of free-trade is  
not simply dangerous, it is likely to be  
enormously disastrous. When a home  
market has been given to the foreign  
manufacturers by the reductions of duty  
to a free-trade point, who is to deliv-  
er to the American producer the foreign  
market where competition is equally  
great?

The portion of meat now enjoyed may  
be small, but how much greater than the  
shadowy morsel which is promised! Amid  
the shiftings of politics, the bread-  
and-butter problem is vastly important,  
and protection to American industries a  
principle not to be overlooked.

## The Yacht Race.

The interest in the International Yacht  
Race to be had on Monday next grows  
pace as the time for the contest ap-  
proaches.

Of course all persons who are lovers of  
outside sports have long waited for this  
event with scarcely concealed impatience.  
To them it means a valuable test of cer-  
tain principles governing the construction  
of sailing craft, and for this reason they  
attach great importance to the final re-  
sult as a demonstration of the relative  
superiority of the Sloop or Cutter mod-  
els.

The fact that the sloop Puritan has  
been selected to contest the race with the  
cutter Genesta, brings forward this issue  
with great distinctness. It is sincerely  
to be hoped that the race will not be de-

cided by any accident or chance but that  
the victory may be won by good seamanship  
and the swiftest boat.

The interest in this race, however, is  
not confined to yachtsmen. The great  
body of the American people, who usually  
are indifferent to the yearly races be-  
tween American boats, are fully alive to  
the fact that this is to be a determined  
effort on the part of John Bull to win  
back the "America's Cup," a trophy  
which has been so long held by us that  
it now seems of right to belong here.

The fact that the English cutter was  
built especially for this contest and that  
she has developed a speed which is super-  
ior to any attained by the old line yachts,  
and that if the Cup is to remain on this  
side of the water it must be because the  
Puritan will show a corresponding ad-  
vance in the construction of swift boats  
is sufficient to awaken the ardor and  
arouse the enthusiasm of even the most  
prosaic American.

Fortunately the Puritan has shown  
herself to be a wonderfully fast boat and  
there is no reason as yet to feel any mis-  
givings as to the result.

The Boston sloop is our own national  
representative and in her achievements  
are centered our national pride and hope.

The grading of sidewalks on the west  
side of Broad Street has now reached the  
premises of the estate of Samuel Carl.  
It is quite possible that under the cir-  
cumstances the owners of this property  
may not be able to decide at once just  
what they will wish to do in the matter.  
In any event much has been accomplish-  
ed at a moderate expenditure of public  
money. It was a matter of necessity  
that this work should involve the destruc-  
tion of some valuable trees and it is  
greatly to be desired that new ones be  
promptly put in their places. Mr. Carl's  
store is the last place of business on that  
side of Broad Street and it will be a long  
time before the demands of trade will  
proceed further in that direction. It is  
suggested that as the street at the line of  
Mr. Wm. R. Peters begins to widen it is  
not so important the walk be lowered to  
a curb line, but that a moderate incline  
grade might be adopted which will save  
the trees from that point. Such a grade  
seems practicable and will doubtless be  
considered by the Township Committee  
if the work is to proceed in that direction.

## Letter from Saratoga.

UNITED STATES HOTEL, SARATOGA, AUG. 31.  
August goes out in a blaze of sunny  
splendor, for which Saratoga is truly  
thankful—since we have had far too many  
rainy days of late. Now the weather prom-  
ises to be warm and pleasant, and although  
the height of the Saratoga season may  
now be said to be waning—still there  
are many bright days in store for those  
who spend the month of September here.  
Nothing could be more delightful than  
early fall in Saratoga, and the fashiona-  
bles who are always upon the wing make  
a mistake in leaving here as soon as sum-  
mer is over.

Saturday was the last day of the races  
—and, as the day was fine, a large crowd  
went out. Col. Tom Ochiltree, the fam-  
ous Texan who came near getting us  
into a quarrel with old Bismarck and Ger-  
many in the Lasker business, bloomed in  
all his glory at the races. The Colonel  
is a great lover of the turf—and, presum-  
ably, of the ladies also, since he is always  
to be seen upon the grandstand surround-  
ed by a bevy of fair ones. Probably the  
ladies besieged the Colonel for "tips" on  
the races—since the ladies this year were  
the most inveterate tempters of fate in  
the way of buying pools—and made no  
secret of the matter, either, as they were  
wont to do half-a-dozen years ago. They  
had their betting-books in their hands,  
and pencil and programme also—and it  
was amusing to watch the studious ex-  
pression of their faces as they pondered  
upon the merits of the different races,  
and make sage remarks about the jock-  
eys, combinations, pools, etc., etc. It is  
said that most women are naturally gam-  
blers—and, although very many are con-  
tent after having drawn a prize, or other-  
wise in the matrimonial lottery, and stop  
there—others become deeply fascinated  
with "trying their luck," either in buy-  
ing stocks down in Wall street, during  
the winter season, or in betting at the  
races in Saratoga. Many of the absent  
husbands or fathers, who have sent  
their families here for their health, would  
be amazed to know how deeply interest-  
ed in the various games of chance their  
wives and daughters have become—and  
may very justly be surprised at the very  
long bills which they will have to pay as  
Saratoga "expenses."

However, the hubbub and excitement  
of the races are over, and were it not for  
the expected gathering here of the politi-  
cians during September the days would  
be quiet enough. The advent of the  
politicians will make a delightful bustle,  
and will wind up the season in a brilliant  
manner. Although there has been some-  
what of a depression this year upon all  
the watering places, a great season is an-  
ticipated for next summer, especially in  
Saratoga. General Grant's death and  
funeral certainly had an effect upon all  
summer gaieties at the different resorts,  
and while it is hoped that no such calami-  
ty will befall us next year, it is believed  
that business prospects will be bright-

er, and that there will be more money to  
spend, of which Saratoga will reap the  
benefit.

People who had been especially giddy  
during the past week had plenty of op-  
portunities for retrieving their past by  
listening to the ablest preachers in the  
land in the different churches. Dr. J. P.  
Newman, Gen. Grant's pastor, preached  
in the Baptist church in the evening,  
where the Rev. Dr. Magoon, of Phila-  
delphia, discoursed in the morning. The  
famous Boston minister, Rev. Joseph  
Cook, filled the Methodist church this  
evening, and Bishop Seymour, of Spring-  
field, Ill., filled the Episcopal church in  
the morning, where the pulpit was filled  
in the evening by the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet,  
who interpreted the signs of the deaf  
mute language, so that it will be seen  
that there was abundant opportunity to  
be steady and devout, even here in gray  
Saratoga.

Miss Emma Thursby gave a grand  
concert in the ballroom of the United  
States last Friday evening, which was a  
thorough success, the hall being filled,  
and Miss Thursby being in excellent  
voice, and looking as charming as ever,  
in a handsome evening dress of white  
silk, with pearl ornaments. She sang  
for her opening aria the very difficult  
"Shadow Song" from Dinorah, with her  
wonderful beauty of style and smoothness  
of execution. This was followed by the  
old Scotch ballad "Somebody" as an  
encore, sung with fine taste and feeling.  
A mazourka by Chopin was brilliantly  
rendered by the fair cantatrice, followed  
by a Norwegian laughing song as an en-  
core, which especially delighted the au-  
dience. Miss Thursby also sang two  
duets with Mr. King, the favorite tenor.  
Mr. Leopold Godowski, the boy pianist,  
played delightfully and wonderfully, as  
usual, and astonished the audience with  
the display of so much youthful genius.

Miss Adele Becker, a fair, slender girl  
of about fifteen, also shared Mr. Godow-  
ski's laurels as a youthful prodigy by her  
exquisite rendering of two very difficult  
solos upon the violin. Both of these  
youthful artists have undoubtedly bril-  
liant futures in store for them.

The Saturday evening hop at the Unit-  
ed States Hotel was the most brilliant of  
the season, over a thousand guests being  
present. Many beautiful costumes were  
worn, and the display of jewels was fair-  
ly dazzling. The band seemed inspired  
by the gayety of the event, and played  
as if inspired, lending still greater zest  
to the occasion. A great many promi-  
nent people were present, a list of whom  
would fill columns.

This week, if the weather is fine, will  
be fully as enjoyable as the last, for there  
is no end to promised festivities—and  
flying trips to Mt. McGregor and Lake  
George will fill up many days, hundreds  
of people going every day to the former  
place.

SOPHIE SPARKLE.

Judge Tourgee's latest lecture is en-  
titled "Give Us a Rest."

General Lew Wallace's story, "Ben  
Hur," paid him \$3,200 last year in roy-  
alties.

E. P. Roe, the novelist, has a daughter  
still in her teens who has begun to write  
stories.

Edward Everett Hale, in an address at  
Chautauqua on Wednesday, declared the  
narrative English of General Grant to be  
"the best narrative English that has been  
produced in this century."

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